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LETTER

Sir:

This is submitted as a follow-up to Applicants' September 13, 1999 Transmittal to the U.S. Designated Office of a complete set of documents in fulfillment of the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §371. The Declaration submitted with the application on September 13, 1999 names an additional inventor, Anne King, not listed on the PCT Request, Form PCT/RO/101.

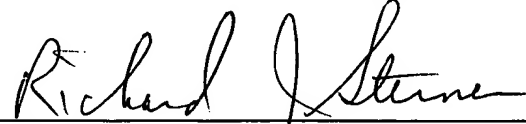
On July 30, 1999, a letter was submitted to the Swedish Patent Office requesting that Anne King be named as an additional inventor in the Swedish Priority Applications, Nos. 9801494-7 and 9803954-8; the letter was accompanied by Declarations (copies enclosed), executed by the three previously named inventors and confirming that Anne King is a coinventor of the subject matter of the applications.

On August 23, 1999, the International Bureau issued a Notification, Form PCT/IB/306 (copy enclosed), notifying of the official entry of Anne King as an additional inventor. Thus, the inclusion of the additional inventor had been accepted and recorded by WIPO prior to the date of filing (September 13, 1999) in the U.S. of the instant application and the accompanying Declaration, and the Declaration as submitted meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §371 and 37 C.F.R. §1.497(a) and (b), despite the apparent discrepancy between it and the accompanying Form PCT/RO/101. Accordingly, all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §371 were satisfied on September 13, 1999, and a 102(e) date of same should be granted to the instant application.

No fee should be due in connection with this communication. However, should it be determined that a fee is required for any reason, The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge it to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

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Respectfully submitted,



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